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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TH, US

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT FROM VIETNAM RECLAIMED BY THE U.S.

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A MEETING MAY 13 WITH PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT ON ANOTHER ISSUE (SEPTTEL), I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE SUBJECT OF U.S. FUNDED AIRCRAFT THAT HAD MADE THEIR WAY FROM VIETNAM TO THAILAND. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT I WAS AWARE HE HAD BEEN FULLY BRIEFED REGARDING MILITARY EQUIPMENT FORMERLY BELONGING TO THE GVN WHICH WE HAD RECLAIMED BUT, CONSIDERING THE LARGE NUMBER OF ERRONEOUS PRESS REPORTS ON THIS MATTER, I WANTED TO GO OVER SEVERAL POINTS WITH HIM. FIRST, AS HE KNEW, WE HAD FULL APPROVAL FROM THE THAI SUPREME COMMAND TO MOVE THESE PLANES INTO THAILAND AND ALSO TO BEGIN THEIR OUTWARD MOVEMENT, INCLUDING TO THE MIDWAY. THE PRIME MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WE HAD INDEED HAVE THIS APPROVAL. SECONDLY, I SAID I HOPED THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND THAT WE HAD STOPPED THE REMOVAL OF THESE AIRCRAFT WHEN I WAS SO NOTIFIED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER. AT THIS TIME THE MIDWAY WAS ALREADY WELL AT SEA, HAVING COMPLETED ITS TASK AND DEPARTED SOME 15 HOURS EARLIER.

2. FINALLY, I SAID I WISHED TO CLARIFY ALSO THE NUMBER

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OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED. SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS HAD REPORTED

THAT 100 AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THAILAND. ACTUALLY THE NUMBER WAS ONLY 59 OR 60. THE CONFUSION AROSE BECAUSE THERE WERE BETWEEN 40 AND 50 HELICOPTERS ALREADY ON THE MIDWAY WHICH FLEW DIRECTLY TO THE SHIP FROM SOUTH VIETNAM AT THE TIME OF THE SURRENDER OF THE GVN. THESE HELICOPTERS NEVER LANDED IN THAILAND.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE ACTUAL FACTS REGARDING THE FORMER GVN AIRCRAFT. MASTERS

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